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POOR QUALITY OF INFORMATION FROM "PALM".

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

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"PALM's" information does not present any interest for us. In future it should not be transmitted to us by telegraph. In sending his information, you clearly had an opportunity of showing us "PALM's" personality and the worth of his information. We give "PALM" [a]. Good work with us is not to be expected of him. Tell "PALM" that his information does not satisfy us. He could produce considerably more serious information. Limit meetings with him to [B% once] in 1-2 months.

We draw your attention to the formulation of your reports. For example, in your No. 63, paragraph 5 ~~for~~ you write as follows:-
"With

[32 groups unrecovered]
[O% and] the English and [O% by uniting] under a unified [D% direction the finances of several persons] decided to secure for themselves there a dominant position by means of the latter's economic enslavements". As you see, this "information" of "PALM's" is more like the conversation of the man in the street and can in no way be classified as serious, considered information reflecting systematic moves in the game of politics between individual countries on these other questions.

~~Be as attentive in your attitude to yourself as to the agency [AGENTURA], [O% which requires] a more responsible attitude to the business.~~ If any source is not capable of coping with a task which has been entrusted to him - to give [1 group unrecovered] official and personal point of view, then it is [B% better] [O% to try] to get documentary correspondence and pass it on, if it is of sufficient worth, to the headquarters department [VEDOMSTVO TSENTRA] ~~and~~, without commenting on it.

No. 6822

VICTOR

18 September.

Distribution

Be careful both in regards yourself and in regards to agents and demand a more responsible attitude towards the work

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- T.N. [a] Not understood. This seems to be the text as sent, but, unless this is some obscure M.G.B. idiom, the phrase is not complete as it stands, and either a group, or groups, has been omitted or the phrase has been garbled in some way. In neither case is it easy to make any plausible suggestion.
- [b] External serial No. 317 of 31st. August 1945 (the last part of a multi-part message discussing political moves by BRITAIN, FRANCE, the U.S.A., and the U.S.S.R. in the Far East. Paragraph 5 is not yet recovered.
- [c] C.f. T.N. [b] to S/NBF/T 34.

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